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COMMANDER'S SAFETY POLICY STATEMENT

Accomplishing our mission in a safe manner will always be our top focus area. Our people are our most valuable resource and with the many challenges we face, all with their own inherent risks, we must remain constantly vigilant. It is, therefore, my policy to ensure safety is an integral part of every operation and process, as well as a paramount key component of our decision making. Additionally, safety is not just something to think about while at work. Please make safety your number one priority in all of your actions, whether at work, home or play. My specific safety philosophies include:

Accountability. Safety is everyone's responsibility. This is accomplished by holding the chain of command, as well as each individual, fully accountable to ensure we do all we can to minimize unsafe and unhealthy working conditions and fully implement safety into our culture.

Voluntary Protection Program. It is my firm belief that a total safety culture will result from implementing the principles of our region's Integrated Safety Management (IMS) system and OSHA's Voluntary Protection Program (VPP). The IMS encompasses the four models of VPP which are: Management Leadership and Employee Involvement, Worksite Analysis, Hazard Prevention and Control, and Safety and Health Training. Only through these models can safety be fully implemented and our culture changed to support "Excellence in Safety." CNRSE supports and encourages the goal for all our activities to become VPP "Star" certified.

Responsibilities. Commanding Officers and Supervisors must set the example and be proactive in both implementing and enforcing safety. We must be committed to a work environment that allows free and open expression of safety concerns, and where there is no fear of reprisal or retaliation. Our people are our most important resource for preventing and reporting hazards and potentially unsafe practices. Everyone has the duty to take reasonable care for their own safety and health and of those who may be affected by their actions or omissions.

Mishaps. My goal is to eliminate every unsafe condition or action that could cause mishaps that result in injuries. Leadership, supervision, and adherence to standard operating procedures are all keys to ensuring mishaps do not occur. Supervisors must also ensure timely reporting and initial investigation of all mishaps!

Policy Implementation. This initiative will not end next year or the year after, but will be captured in the way work is done throughout Navy Region Southeast. I need your help, and know that you all share this commitment to safety throughout our region. I welcome your ideas and look forward to our continued progress as we safely meet our mission of "Enabling and Sustaining Warfighter Readiness."


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